

Lithuania

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Lithuania GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Lithuania could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Lithuania GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7-9, conducted in 2001. A two-stage cluster sample

design was used to produce representative data for all of Lithuania. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 82.4%, and the overall response rate was 82.4%. A total of 1993 students participated in the Lithuania GYTS.

Prevalence

75.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 83.6%, Female = 68.0%)
 35.9% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 40.3%, Female = 31.8%)
 35.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 40.3%, Female = 31.3%)
 7.7% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 9.9%, Female = 5.8%)
 20.2% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

35.8% think boys and 23.2% think girls who smoke have more friends
 9.4% think boys and 5.6% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

7.4% usually smoke at home
 53.8% buy cigarettes in a store
 65.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

48.2% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 67.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 63.8% think smoking should be banned from public places
 66.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 62.9% have one or more parents who smoke
 35.0% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

68.4% want to stop smoking
 72.9% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 63.3% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

82.6% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 72.5% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 66.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 25.7% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 4.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

38.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 31.1% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 34.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 36% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 36% currently smoke cigarettes; 8% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high – half of students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; two-thirds are exposed to smoke in public places; over 6 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- Two-thirds of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 6 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Almost 7 in 10 smokers want to quit.
- 8 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 7 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.